

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:

Examiner of  
09/894,248: Laura Estelle Edwards

Pacetti et al.

Serial No.: New—Divisional of  
09/894,248

Art Unit for  
09/894,248: 1734

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Title: A Mandrel for Supporting a Stent and a Method of Using the Mandrel to  
Coat a Stent

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Dear Examiner:

Please amend the above-identified divisional application as indicated below. The amendments are fully supported by the written description. Also, no new matter has been introduced into the application.